

### September 9, 2013

# **Montana Health Care Programs Notice**

**School-Based and EPSDT Providers** 

#### Effective July 1, 2013

## New Services of Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Specialist for Schools

A new service has been made available for schools effective July 1, 2013. Public schools that are enrolled with Montana Medicaid may now be reimbursed for services provided by a certified orientation and mobility (O&M) specialist for students who are low vision or blind.

The School-Based Services fee schedule now reflects two additional procedure codes for a certified O&M specialist to use when aiding low vision and blind students; one service for sensory integration techniques per 15 minutes and the other for self-care/home management training (e.g., activities of daily living (ADLs)) per 15 minutes.

A school is responsible for verifying the certifications and licenses of employees whose services require such documents. These new services require that the employee have a current certification from the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) or a National Orientation and Mobility Certification (NOMC) offered by the National Blindness Professional Certification Board (NBPCB).

#### **Contact Information**

If you have any questions, please contact Rena Steyaert at 406.444.4066 or rsteyaert@mt.gov.

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations at 1.800.624.3958 (toll-free, in/out of state) or 406.442.1837 (Helena) or via e-mail at MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com.

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